

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1532 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Drivers Points-No Child Restraint

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Goodwin and Easterling

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No () No Estimate Available (X)

FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03 FY 2003-04 FY 2004-05

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS:

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Division of Motor Vehicles

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2000

BILL SUMMARY: H 1532. DRIVERS POINTS--NO CHILD RESTRAINT. Amends GS 20-137.1(d) [20-127.1(d) in bill] to provide that a violation of the section (child restraint systems required) has all of the following consequences: (1) 2 drivers license points shall be assessed pursuant to GS 20-16; (2) no insurance points shall be assessed; (3) violation shall not constitute negligence per se or contributory negligence per se; and (4) violation shall not be evidence of negligence or contributory negligence. Makes conforming amendment to GS 20-16(c).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Violations of this provision would lead to additional points assessed to drivers. To the extent that drivers are assessed points more rapidly, there could be a need for additional hearings by DMV and possibly for additional Hearing Officers. There are no good data available, however, to estimate the impact of this provision on the number of hearings held or the number of Hearing Officers required.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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